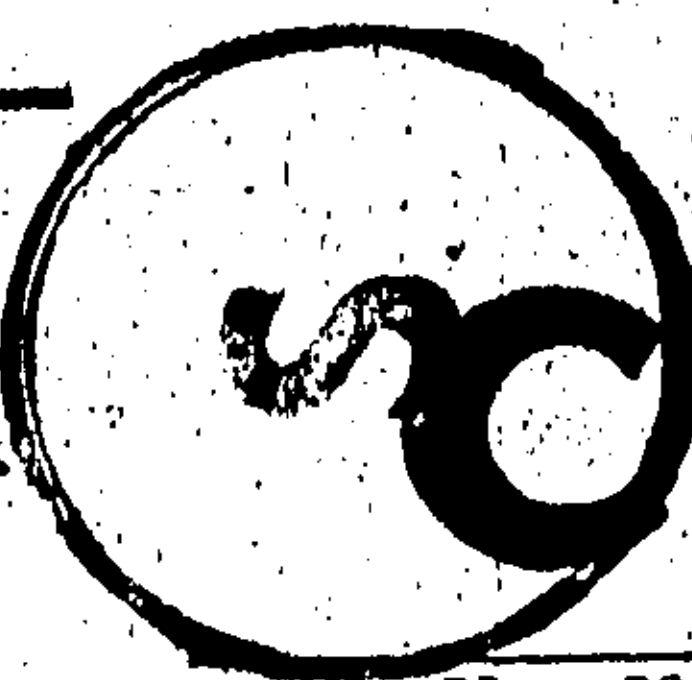


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Middle East Oil

IN one form or another there has been an "Eastern Question" for close on 100 years, but today, what are known as the "Middle Eastern Questions" have taken on an entirely new form. Not only is the Middle East now a group of independent states; or because one of them is the Republic of Israel. The Middle East is now of importance to the whole non-Communist world because it is the richest oil-bearing area anywhere and because oil and oil products are vital in the economies of every country.

It is the development of Middle Eastern oil resources in the past two decades that has provided the countries of Western Europe and of Southern Asia with the fuel essential to their economic development. At the same time it has given the Middle Eastern lands themselves a wealth they have never known before.

There is a tendency—and it is an excusable one—to see the whole situation in terms of "monopolistic exploitation of the Middle East peoples," or of a melodramatic "war" between rival oil companies. But that is to obscure the realities.

THE figures help to correct perspective. Last year the six main West European refining countries (Britain, Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands and West Germany) imported for their own use and for re-export about 93 million tons of crude oil. Nearly 90 per cent of this came from the Middle East. From the same source, the countries of Southern Asia (outside the oil area) and of Africa and Australasia imported 40 million tons. Moreover the demand steadily grows.

To those countries the overriding consideration is that their supplies of Middle East oil are an essential factor in their economic life and development. Conversely, they are the source of the revenue which the oil producing areas derive from the sale of oil—which is an essential factor in their economies.

The real point is the interdependence of the oil producing and the oil consuming countries. Any breakdown in the complicated machinery of production and distribution, from whatever cause, or any serious reduction in the flow of oil from the wells to the markets would be a major disaster for producer and consumer countries alike, and the consumer countries include virtually the whole non-Communist world.

THERE is the further consideration that, though the companies may only be one factor in the whole complex, they are, as things stand, an indispensable factor. There has grown up a partnership between them and the peoples of the oil-rich areas. The experience of Iran suggests there is no substitute for that partnership.

These are the economic facts which lie at the root of all thinking and of all policy concerning the "Middle Eastern question." It is no longer, as it was in the nineteenth century, a "question" of power politics. It is a question of indispensable oil supplies for the non-Communist world.

Equally, it is a question of indispensable oil revenues for the oil-bearing countries. The two interests are complementary. They both require, above all, maintenance of peace and security in the region, and the maintenance of relations between producer, operating and consuming countries which will allow the maximum of co-operation for the common benefit.

WARNING ON ARMS SHIPMENTS

US Official Points To Middle East Danger

And On The Spot:

BURNS IN BID TO KEEP GAZA PEACE

Washington, May 9.

The Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. George Allen said today Communist arms shipments to Egypt had increased "the frightening prospects of a devastating arms race or even a resurgence of hostilities."

As Mr. Allen denounced Communist tactics in the Middle East in Washington, General E. L. M. Burns, the United Nations Truce Supervisor flew from Jerusalem to Gaza, apparently to prevent new violations of the ceasefire agreement signed by Israel and Egypt during Mr. Hammarskjöld's tour.

General Burns conferred with the Egyptian armistice chief Col. Salah Gohar.

Earlier today Israel criticised an American armistice observer for obtaining in a vote to condemn Jordan for an alleged infiltration into Israel and blowing up of a house on Saturday night.

The observer refused to support Israel because, he said, no definite tracks had been found despite the use of dogs to trace the infiltrators.

Official's Testimony

In Washington Mr. George Allen said in testimony at a hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the hope for peace in the Middle East rested on "the rule of law and the establishment of friendly relations among neighbours."

He said American policy was "aimed at the achievement of a peaceful and equitable settlement of Arab-Israeli differences" and the "permanent security of the states" in the area.

Mr. Allen gave testimony on the Middle Eastern situation to support the Administration's \$4,000 million foreign aid request for the fiscal year beginning in July.

'Proud Of It'

He said U.S. technical and economic assistance in the Near East had helped and "we are proud of our record of accomplishment."

However, he said, "We need to continue and intensify our efforts along these lines, in order to show the Near Eastern peoples that the peaceful economic and social development to which they aspire may best be obtained through co-operation with the free world—not the Communist bloc."

Mr. Allen stressed that United States policy in the Middle East "is aimed at the achievement of a peaceful and equitable settlement of Arab-Israeli differences."

DARING JEWEL ROBBERY

Madrid, May 8. Gangsters wearing Spanish military uniforms got away with jewels valued at several million pesetas in a lightning raid on a leading Madrid jeweller.

Driving up in a car with false military number plates, with an escort of two motor cycles, the gangsters shattered the store window with revolver shots.

They scooped up a collection of cut diamonds and other pieces of jewellery before the eyes of panic-stricken bystanders.

The gang escaped before police arrived.—France-Press.

Peronist Bomb?

Buenos Aires, May 8. A high-powered bomb today almost completely destroyed the Argentine Socialist Party headquarters at Olavarría, 200 miles south of Buenos Aires.

The public library, next door to the headquarters, was also destroyed. Supporters of ex-President Juan Peron are believed to be responsible for the incident.—France-Press.

'Drained' At Birth ONE HOUR IN THE LIFE OF BABY ROY

Our Own Correspondent

London, May 8. In all the world there is no baby anywhere like Roy Davenport. This is because no baby has ever been born with the kind of blood that ran through Roy's veins and lived longer than one hour.

But Roy today is nine weeks old, 10 lbs 8 oz in weight, and perfectly normal.

He lives because doctors drained all the blood with which he was born from him—as "you would drain oil from the engine of your car—and "filled him up" with a new kind.

FIRST—STILLBORN

It was last January when Mrs. Renée Davenport, wife of a miner, was given a blood test by her doctor. Her baby was not due for another three months.

The test showed that because she had had a stillborn baby in 1952 there was now the rare factor in her blood stream called "Little E."

Specialists knew the killer-factor would be passed on to her baby. All they could do was to hope the child would live long enough after birth to allow them to change the entire blood stream and replace it with another rare blood group.

Only one per cent of the population of the British Isles possess this group. Three donors were found in the Midlands and a fourth in Oxford. They were asked to stand by ready to give blood as soon as the baby was born.

THEN—THE DRAMA

When Mrs. Davenport was taken to the nursing home on March 2 messages were flashed to three donors to go there.

An ambulance rushed to Birmingham with the contribution of the fourth donor.

Then, for 36 hours, specialists, doctors and officials of the blood transfusion service stood by.

On March 4, the baby was born, pale and jaundiced.

But within the vital one hour time limit his blood was taken away and the new blood group pumped in. He recovered and flourished.

Said a blood specialist: "The child is now perfect. It is the very first case where such a thing has been done."

GOVERNMENT TO TELL HOW FROGMAN DIED

London, May 9.

The Government is expected to make statements in both Houses of Parliament today on the case of Commander Lionel Crabb, the British frogman who disappeared during a mysterious underwater mission in the Portsmouth area.

Sir Anthony Eden has now received a "detailed" report on the disappearance of this 40-year-old naval hero.

Political circles believe that Parliament will hear only part of the Crabb story.

Crabb's disappearance remains headline news in Britain today eleven days after an Admiralty statement that he was "missing presumed dead" after underwater trials near Portsmouth.



Commander Crabb

Since then a Soviet Embassy spokesman has admitted that frogman Crabb was seen near the Russian cruiser, Ordzhonikidze, in which Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev arrived in Portsmouth for their British tour.

ADMIRALTY VIEW

The Admiralty said today Commander Crabb could not have been ceiling without the Admiralty's knowledge when he disappeared.

Rear-Admiral George Thomson, submarine affairs specialist, said secret diving tests were carried out solely under direct control of the Admiralty.

Crabb could not have been authorised to dive in Portsmouth harbour without the Admiralty's permission, he said.

He dismissed press reports that Crabb had dived under the

East Germans Seize Two US Officers

Berlin, May 8.

Two United States Army officers were detained for three hours today by East German police in the Soviet sector of Berlin for having a radio-telephone in their car.

They were released when a Russian officer arrived at the scene.

The two officers, who were detained about 100 yards inside the Soviet sector, are Colonel Hugh Socks, from Supreme Allied Headquarters in Paris, and Second Lieutenant Carl Perry.

A similar incident occurred last November when two members of the United States Congress were detained in a car equipped with radio-telephone in East Berlin.

On this occasion Major-General P. A. Dierova, the Soviet commandant in Berlin, answered American protests by claiming that Allied personnel were subject to East German law in East Berlin.—Reuter.

ARMS TALKS WILL GO ON: EISENHOWER'S REQUEST

Washington, May 8. President Eisenhower had directed that the United States "continue patiently and per-

sistently to seek a sound agreement" on disarmament with the Soviet Union and other nations.

Pakistan Border Clash

Rawalpindi, May 8.

An Afghan patrol and a Pakistan militia patrol exchanged fire in the Gajalana area of the Pakistan-Afghanistan border on Sunday, an official source disclosed today. There were no casualties on the Pakistan side.

Several border incidents have been reported since Afghanistan demanded frontier revisions for the establishment of a separate Pathan state of Pushtu-speaking people in North-West Pakistan. This has been rejected by Pakistan.—Reuter.

The President's instructions were reported to reporters at the White House by Mr. Harold Stassen, the President's chief assistant on disarmament problems.

Mr. Stassen, talked to reporters after giving the President a preliminary report on the disarmament talks in London with representatives of the Soviet Union and other nations.

The negotiations were deadlocked on the major issue of aerial inspection; but Mr. Stassen said he was still hopeful agreement would be reached eventually.

"I feel the next year is perhaps the most important one in reaching an agreement," Mr. Stassen said.—Reuter.

'Stop Those Executions' Plea By Greek Govt

Athens, May 8. The Greek Government tonight asked the United States to ask the British Government to call off the execution of a Greek Cypriot convicted of murder.

The Foreign Ministry called in the American Ambassador Mr. Cavendish Cannon and asked him to relay to Washington the Greek Government's concern in the case.

The Governor of Cyprus, Sir John Harding today confirmed execution orders against two 22-year-old Cypriots despite Greek and Cypriot threats of wide scale reprisals.

The Foreign Ministry also protested to the British Ambassador, Sir Charles Peck. In today's diplomatic moves, Greece referred only to the case of Michael Karamollas, condemned for shooting a Cypriot policeman.

Trouble Expected

The Greek Premier, Mr. Constantinos Karamanlis, earlier mobilised security forces throughout Greece to protect lives and property in case demonstrations broke out.

Mr. Cannon created a furor recently when he expressed his "sympathy" and "admiration" for the Greek Government's "restrained behaviour" in the Cyprus dispute. Britain, which has repeatedly objected to "inflammatory" broadcasts beamed to Cyprus by Radio Athens demanded an urgent explanation of his statement from Washington. United Press.

Anti-Tito Protest

Paris, May 8. Police today dispersed about 50 Frenchmen demonstrating outside the Yugoslav embassy against President Tito's visit. Forty people were taken to a police station and released after an identity check.—Reuter.

Seeks Retrial

New York, May 8. Morton Sobell, now serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz prison for atomic espionage, today asked for a retrial. He was sentenced at the same time as Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, executed for atomic espionage in 1953.

Big Police Guard For Sir Winston

Aachen, May 8.

The German authorities mobilised powerful police reserves tonight and ordered strict security precautions to head off possible demonstrations here against Sir Winston Churchill.

Sir Winston arrives tomorrow evening to receive the International Charlemagne Prize of the city of Aachen. The prize is awarded each year for outstanding services to the cause of European unity.

The Association of expelled Germans has protested against the award and has announced that it will stage a demonstration in front of Aachen's war memorial at the same time that Sir Winston receives the prize in a ceremony at the medieval City Hall a mile away.

Former Nazis and other extreme Rightists were expected to take advantage of the protest to demonstrate against Sir Winston.

The City authorities announced that between 600 and 800 regular police would be mobilised together with several hundred State riot police, to guard Sir Winston and prevent trouble from the demonstrators.—United Press.

Three Drowned

New York, May 8.

Three American soldiers were drowned at Fort Story today when a two amphibious landing craft overturned on returning from an exercise. Seven others swam to safety.—France-Press.

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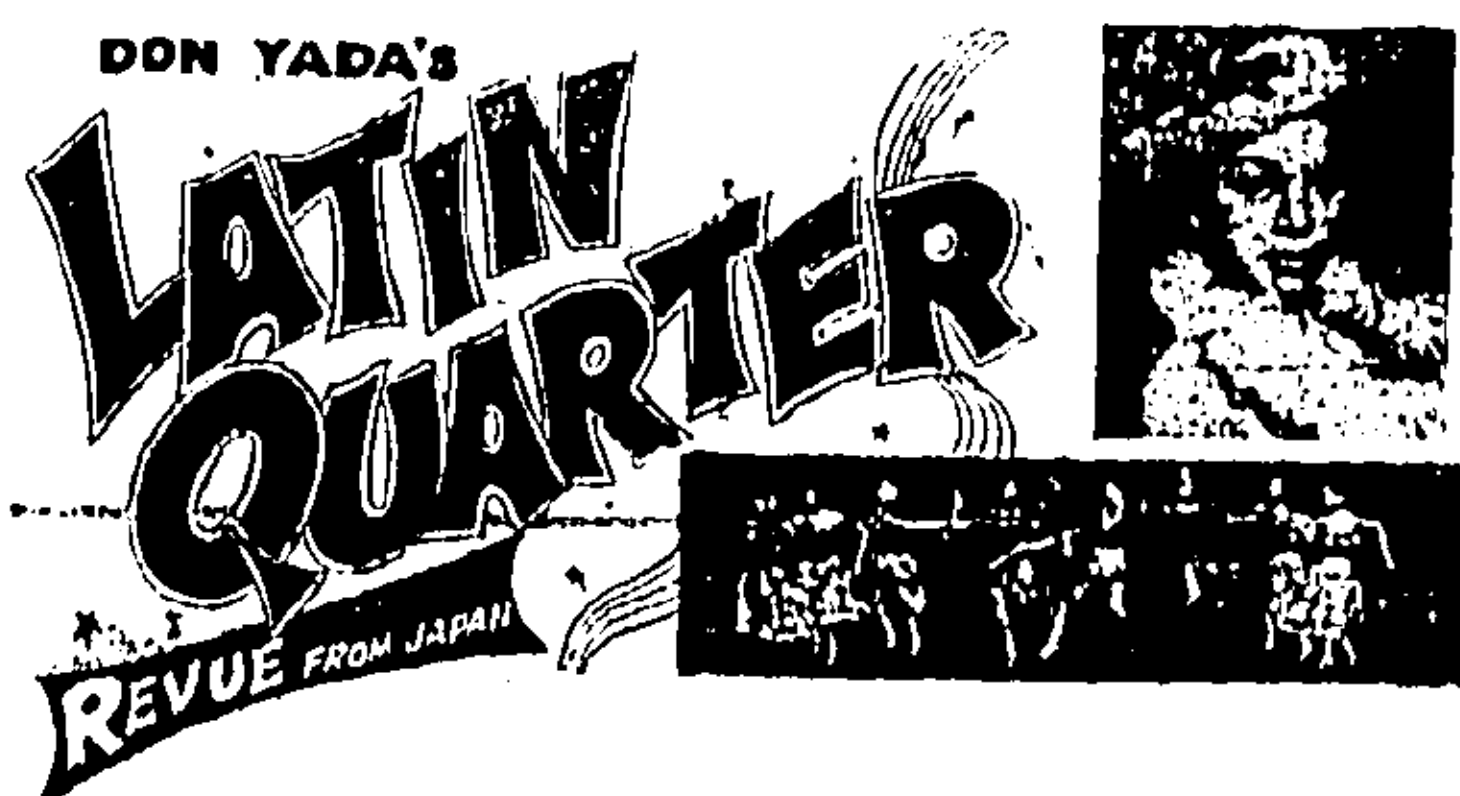
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DISARMAMENT TALKS FAILURE DOES NOT REST WITH WEST

Susan Hayward At Cannes



Hollywood actress Susan Hayward is surrounded by cameramen at the Cannes Film Festival, where her new film 'Till the Day After Tomorrow' based on the biography of veteran entertainer Lillian Roth, had a screening.—Express Photo.

Israel Accuses UN Observers

Jerusalem, May 8.

An Israeli official today accused United Nations armistice field observers of hampering UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld's peace efforts in the powder-keg Middle East.

Israel also sent a message to Mr. Hammarskjöld expressing grave concern over renewed outbreaks of violence along the Egyptian and Jordanian borders. The charge against UN men in the field and the message to Mr. Hammarskjöld followed yesterday's statement by Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion that the basic danger of war in the Middle East still exists in spite of Mr. Hammarskjöld's recent peace mission.

Identical Cases

The blast against UN truce observers came after Commander Eimer Tarril, UN chairman of the joint Israeli-Jordanian Armistice Commission, abstained from voting on an Israeli motion to condemn an alleged Jordanian violation of the truce.

The Israeli chairman of the Joint Commission said the abstention was "deplorable" by the Israeli delegation as the armistice observers have failed to reach decisions on identical cases.

"Armistice observers obscuring the issue do not aid Mr. Hammarskjöld's efforts to improve the situation," the Israeli official said.

Lacked Evidence

The Israeli delegation attacked the UN Chairman for his action in the consideration of the alleged Jordanian bombing of an Israeli house on Sunday.

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London, May 8.
Mr. Anthony Nutting, Minister of State at the British Foreign Office, said here tonight that the West—Britain, France, Canada and America—could not be blamed for the failure to reach even a limited agreement at the recent disarmament talks here.

The Russians rejected both a short and long-term plan and "insisted on their own plan on a take-it-or-leave-it basis," Mr. Nutting added.

But the Minister said in a radio broadcast, he thought the seven-week discussions had been useful in helping to clarify the position of the West and Russia.

Russians Shyest

"On the credit side the Western powers are united in their approach on the main issues," Mr. Nutting added.

Mr. Nutting said the Russians "have always been shyest on the international control of nuclear arms."

"Without control," he went on, "there can be no certainty that disarmament is readily being carried out."

"The Russians still reject the idea of an aerial survey and they reject the idea of enforcement powers being granted to control officials."

Mr. Nutting said the West held that any full-scale disarmament should also grapple with the problem of nuclear weapons if only to avoid the danger of the awful secret falling into the hands of whomsoever—what irresponsible nation.

Must Control It

Mr. Nutting said it was agreed that nothing in the way of control could be done about existing stockpiles of H-bombs, but the West believed that future production could be controlled.

"We believe we can control it," he declared, "and believe we must control it before the irresponsibles have discovered the secret."—Reuter.

Saarbrücken, May 8.
The Saarland Government will not answer a call for East German participation in the Franco-German-Saarland talks "on the future of the Saar territory," Government sources said today.

But the sources said the Cabinet had decided to publish shortly its views on the approach made by Herr Otto Grottel, the East German Prime Minister.—Reuter.

King Of Nepal Made General In British Army

Kathmandu, May 8.
The Earl of Scarborough, Queen Elizabeth's Lord Chamberlain, presented King Mahendra of Nepal today with his commission and ceremonial sword and sash as an Honorary General in the British Army.

Lord Scarborough was Queen Elizabeth's special ambassador at King Mahendra's coronation last Wednesday.

In a message marking the occasion, Queen Elizabeth said: "Your country and mine have long been bound by special ties of friendship. The splendid achievements of the Gurkha troops are known throughout the world, and they continue today, as in the past, to play a most important part in maintaining the peace and security of South-east Asia."—Reuter.

NEWSPRINT SHORTAGE

Karachi, May 8.
Mr. Fakir Mahtab, general secretary of the Council of Pakistan Editors, has asked the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammad Ali, to intervene to avert a "crisis" resulting from a newsprint shortage.

Mr. Mahtab told reporters here today that a number of newspapers would soon cease publication if the Government failed to meet the "dramatic situation." The Government has already imposed control on distribution of newsprint.—Reuter.

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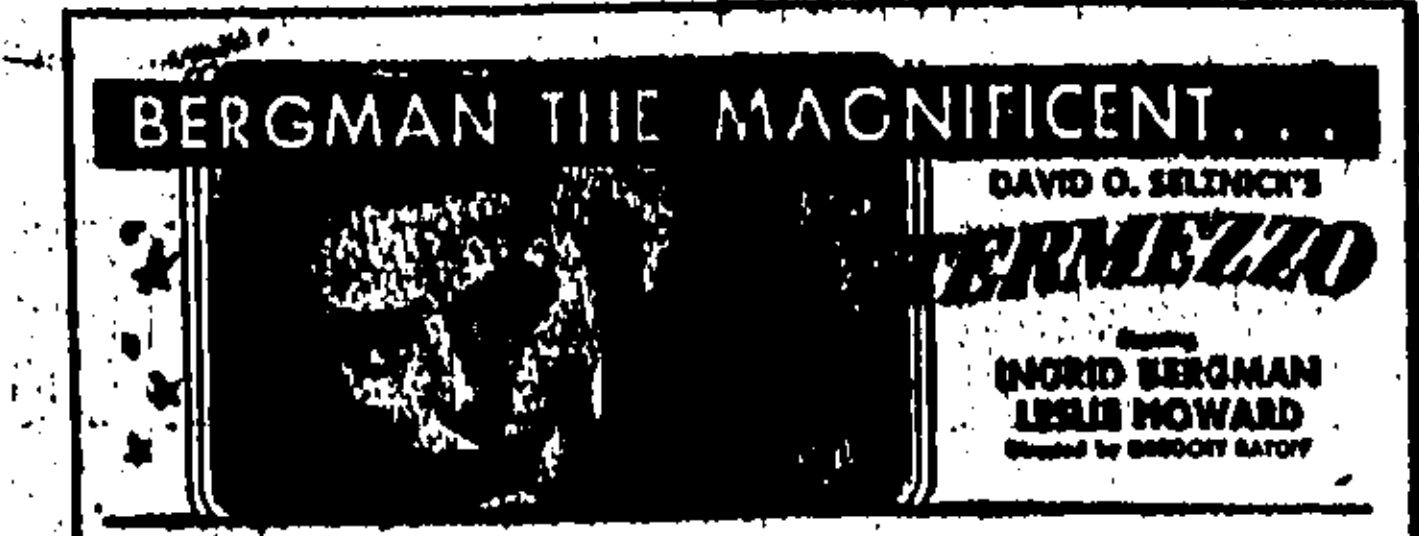
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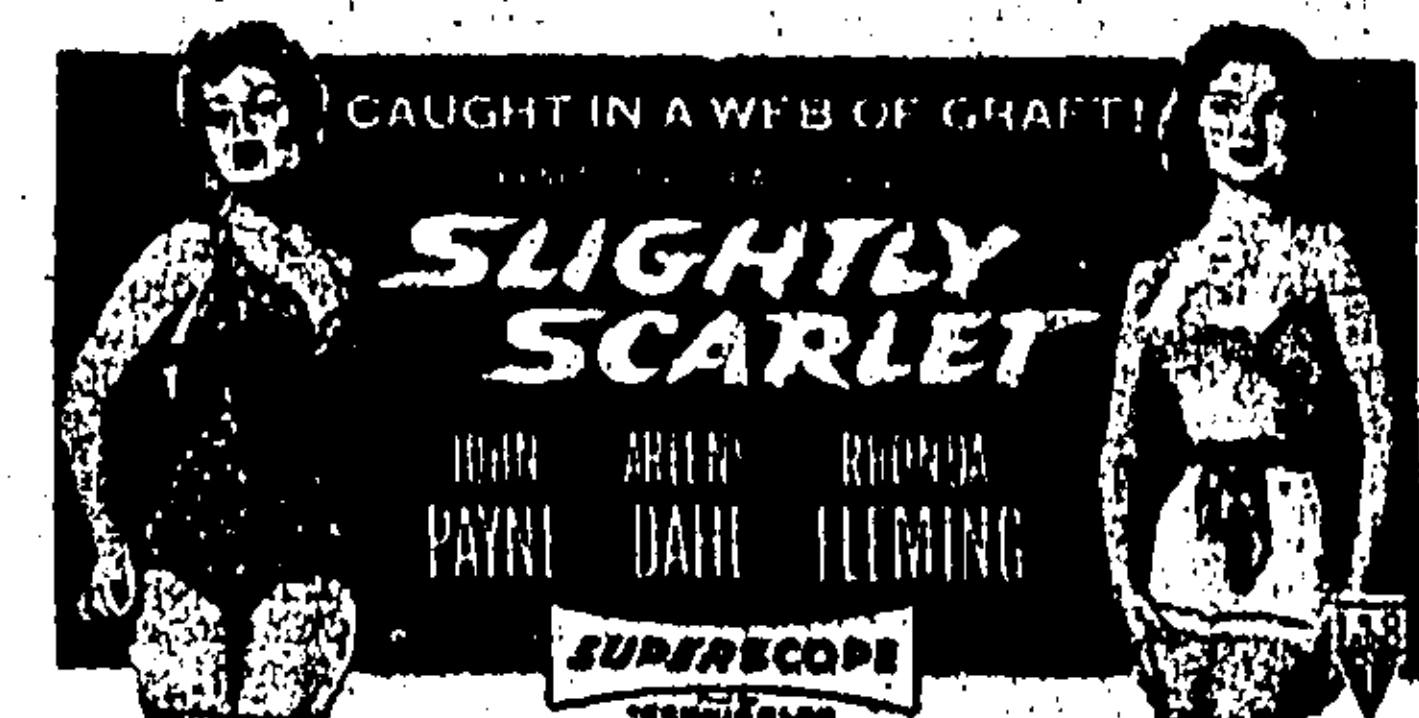
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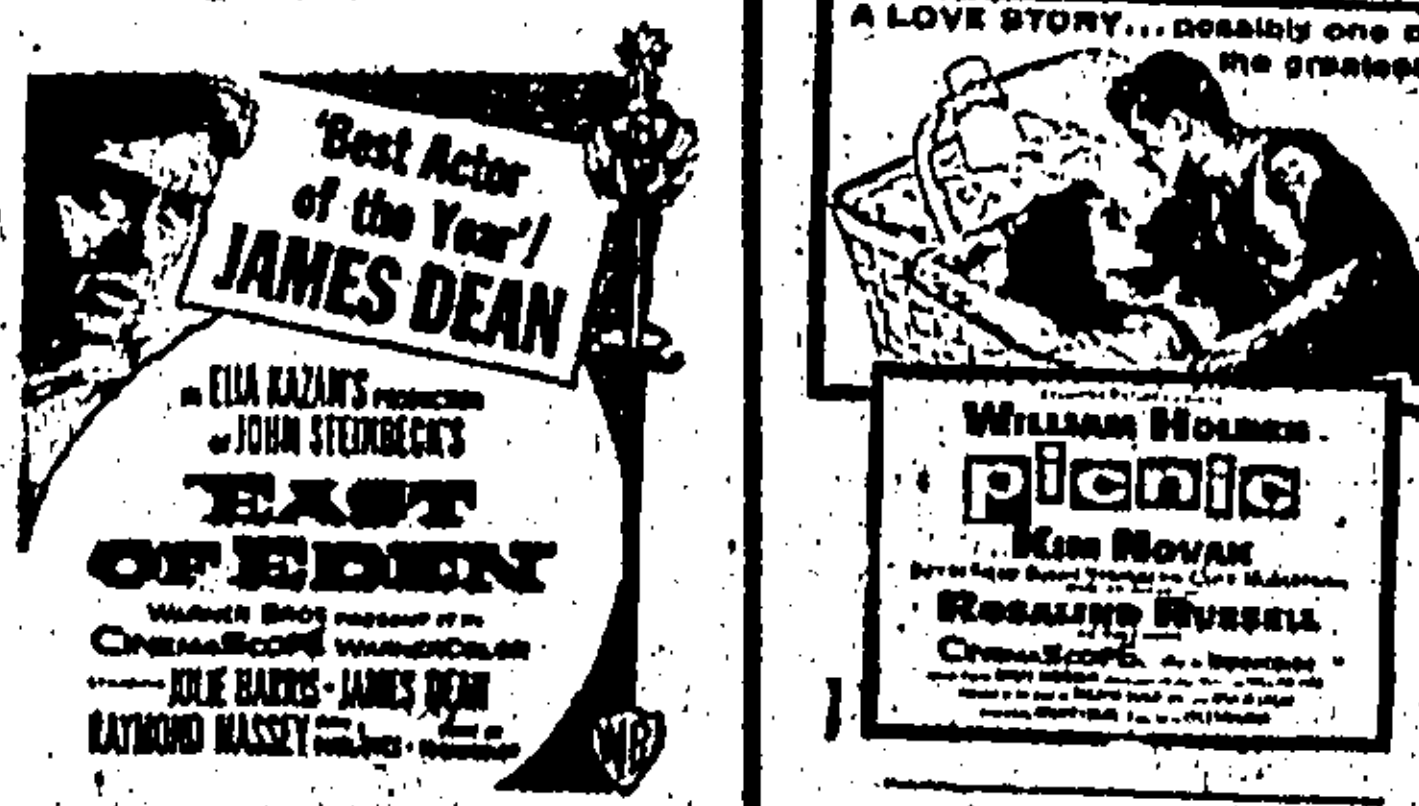


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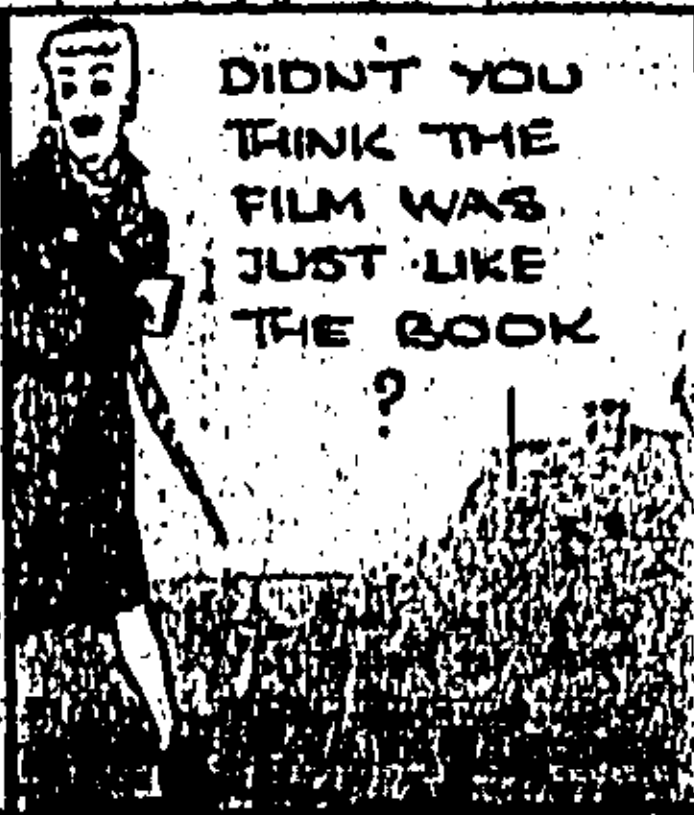
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BRITISH TOGOLAND PLEBISCITE

Hoche, British Togoland, May 8. A plebiscite to decide on the future status of British Togoland will be held tomorrow under United Nations supervision.

Some 104,000 persons registered in 1954 of an approximate 324,000 inhabitants will go to the polls. They will indicate whether they desire the union of British Togoland with the neighbouring independent Gold Coast or whether they want the trusteeship status to continue.

The plebiscite is being directed by Sir John Drinkwater, administrator appointed by the British Government. A team of 23 United Nations officers, headed by Edward E. Brown, Y. Prieto, Mexican Ambassador to the United States, is observing the elections. The results of the plebiscite will probably be considered by the United Nations Trusteeship Council in July and by the United Nations General Assembly in December—France-Press.

USAF BAND PLAYS IN SAIGON

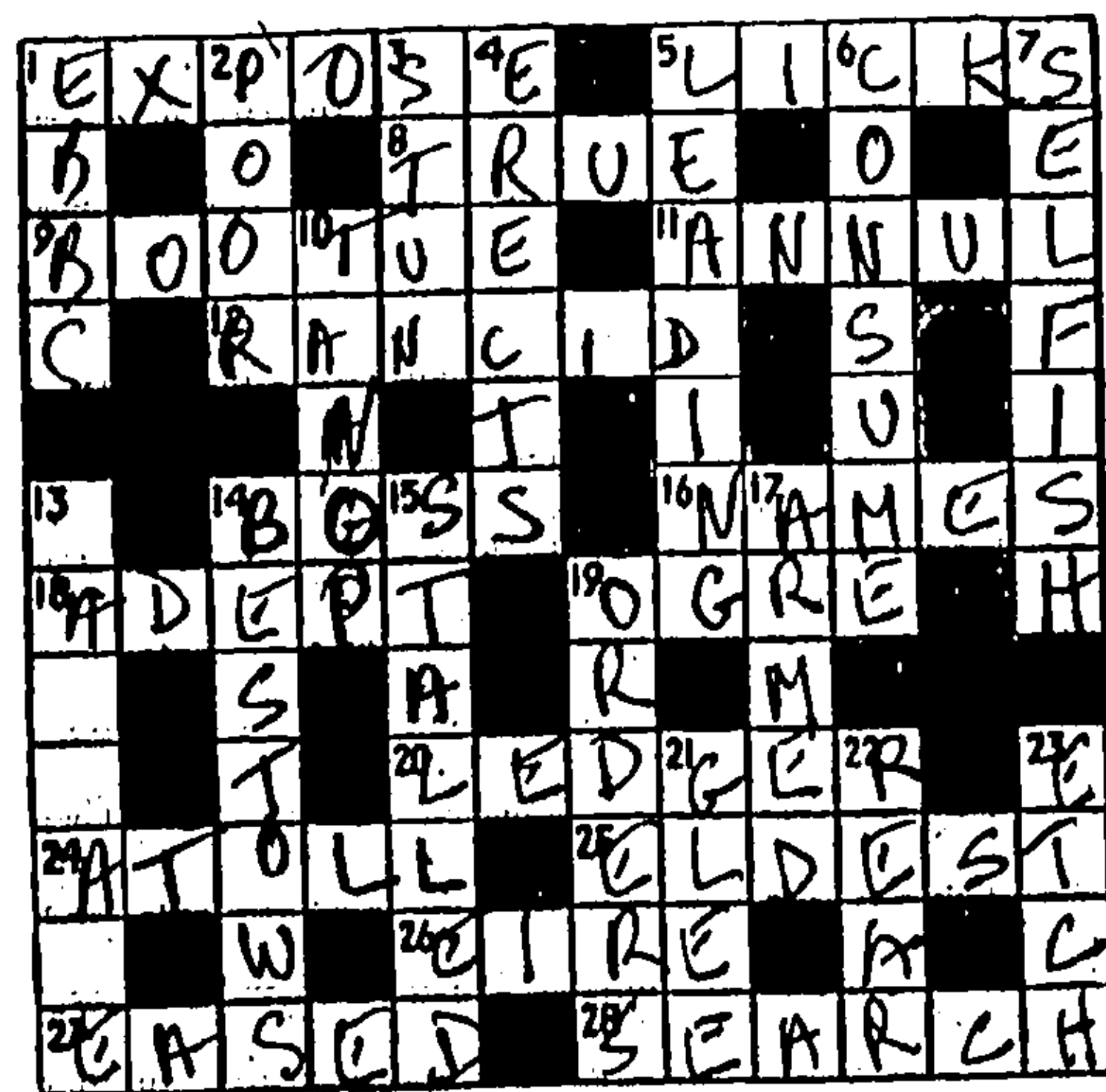
Saigon, May 8. A crowd of several thousand here tonight warmly cheered the United States Far Eastern Air Force band from Tokyo as it gave a public concert in the floodlit City Hall Square.

Republican Senator Carol D. Keeney, of Pennsylvania, was the guest conductor. The American band came to Saigon yesterday, close on the heels of an Indian cultural delegation which gave a performance last Tuesday in the city's main theatre for about 700 privileged guests of the Government and the Indian Consulate General. It will continue its goodwill tour, flying to Bangkok and Cambodia tomorrow—Reuters.

Mayor Suspended

Paris, May 8. Roger Romanet, Communist Mayor of the central French town of Villefrance, near Clermont, was suspended from his office today for having incited groups of French soldiers not to report to their bases. The soldiers, who had been passing through Villefrance in several trucks, were recalled to the army camp at Courrière—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Lay bare (8).
- 5 Defeat (colloq) (8).
- 8 Accurate (4).
- 9 Type of shoe (8).
- 11 Cancel (8).
- 12 Rank-leader (8).
- 14 Manager (4).
- 15 Skilled (8).
- 16 Monster (4).
- 20 Account book (8).
- 24 Coral island (8).
- 25 Most senior (8).
- 26 Remable of Ireland (4).
- 27 Relieved (8).
- 28 Look for (6).

- 1 Flows back (4).
- 2 Impoverished (4).
- 3 Stupely (4).
- 4 Builds (8).
- 5 Ahead (7).
- 6 Eat (7).
- 7 Lacking consideration for others (7).
- 10 Dance (8).
- 13 Dressing (7).
- 14 Gives (7).
- 15 Lost flying speed (7).
- 16 Equipped (8).
- 17 Commands (8).
- 21 Mournment (4).
- 22 Raise (4).
- 23 Engrave (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Drawn, 4 Utopia, 8 Period, 10 Bala, 12 Redden, 14 Sincere, 17 Pol, 19 Aspire, 20 Reeling, 22 Halo, 23 Grating, 27 Onions, 28 Soups, 30 Sprawl, 31 Blister, 32 Chews, Down: 1 Doped, 2 Apron, 3 Score, 5 Tree, 6 Primer, 7 Assets, 8 Derange, 11 Deplet, 13 Deserts, 15 Idea, 16 Cliché, 18 Leth, 20 Rhema, 21 Clouds, 24 Aspic, 25 Thane, 26 Gullie, 28 Baw.

MOSSADEQ



POSSIBLE CORRUPTION CHARGES

Teheran, May 8. Former Iranian Premier, Mohammad Mossadeq, now in prison, may be brought into court again on charges of corrupt practices while he was Premier.

The Teheran newspaper Eshk-e-Ahval reported today that Mossadeq would be tried for granting illegal rice export licenses to a company managed by his son, Gholam Hossein Mossadeq.

The newspaper pointed out that parliamentary approval would be necessary before Mossadeq could be tried on these charges.

Mossadeq is to be released from prison on August 20 after serving a three-year sentence imposed by a court martial for lese majeste—France-Press.

Delegation Calls On Molotov

Moscow, May 8. A delegation of prominent Frenchmen, including four members of the National Assembly invited to the Soviet Union by the Soviet Peace Committee, were today received at the Kremlin by Mr. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

After an interview during which problems of disarmament, nuclear tests, German rearmament and Franco-Soviet relations were discussed, the four parliamentarians led by M. Emmanuel Dastier De La Vigerie had a private meeting with Mr. Molotov lasting for three hours.

A communiqué said the meeting brought "clarifications" of problems of Franco-Soviet relations and peace.

It is understood that the Algerian question was also discussed—Reuters.

ELIMINATED

Dulles Calls For Political And Economic Depth

Washington, May 8.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, tonight called for a broadening of NATO, giving it more political and economic "depth" in order to eliminate "what has been the great weakness of the West, namely, its disunity."

Mr. Dulles spoke at a banquet of the Triennial Convention of the Supreme Lodge of the International Bnai Brith, which is meeting here.

Mr. Dulles said: "To erase that disunity, which has given birth to so many tragic consequences, is one of the greatest tasks of postwar statesmanship. Much has already been done. But much remains to be done. And the fact that that task is now being undertaken can give us all grounds for solid satisfaction."

Grave Concern

At the same time, Mr. Dulles expressed the hope that a solution of the Middle East tension could be achieved, through the United Nations now that the Soviet Union had said it would support a settlement in the world organization.

Mr. Dulles said, with respect to the Palestine situation, that there was "grave concern" at the recent NATO Council meeting "that the Soviet Union had sought to further its ends by playing fast and loose with peace in the area. There was the feeling that that very fact made it more important for the Western nations to act with firm determination and with care."

The Secretary said that a belief that reliance should, above all, be placed upon the processes of the United Nations and that we can, perhaps, do so now with more confidence, since the Soviet Union seems increasingly aware of the dangerous consequences of reckless action, and has indicated that it too would be prepared to support a solution through the United Nations.

Lack Of Planning

Mr. Dulles said that, while NATO has achieved remarkable military success, "it still remains the fact that matters of vital importance to the Atlantic community are not being given timely consideration on a community basis."

He said the great lack in political and economic planning in NATO and in matters affecting NATO members was due to the fact that "the governments concerned have never taken the basic decision to have a Council to which problems affecting the Atlantic community would normally and regularly be brought."

He said that if such a decision were taken, "it would greatly alter the entire character of the community relationship. It would not require different personalities at the Council table but a different approach and far greater depth in terms of political advisers than is now the case. But above all is the basic decision to take seriously the unity of the Atlantic community and seek to promote it not by super-government but by common counsel."

Mr. Dulles spoke of the relationship of the Atlantic community to Asia and other parts of the world. He indicated that he felt that a broadened NATO concept could be useful in assisting in a solution of problems in other areas.

North Africa

He said with regard to the "serious disturbances" in North Africa and the problem of Cyprus and the turbulence in the Middle East that he believed the problems there had reached a point where they were beyond the proper attention of NATO.

Mr. Dulles said he did not believe the Atlantic powers had strongly enough highlighted the matter of German reunification. Recalling that the Soviet leaders at the Geneva summit conference argued on reunification of Germany by means of free elections, Mr. Dulles said that Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin and the Party Secretary, Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, had ignored their agreement "and they now unashamedly continue the division of Germany as though they had never agreed to the principle of reunification."

"Most of the Western powers have said, and rightly said, that

TITO WATCHES PARADE



A military parade through the Boulevard of the Revolution was held in Belgrade on May 1. Pictured top, infantry units march through the boulevard; bottom, President Tito watches the parade.—Express Photo.

TITO AGREES ON DISARMAMENT

Paris, May 8.

French Premier Guy Mollet today indicated that Yugoslav President Tito appeared to have agreed with the French point of view on the interconnection between the problem of disarmament and the political problems now dividing the world.

Speaking to journalists after a two-hour talk with Marshal Tito, M. Mollet also said the French plan for aid to under-developed countries had received a very favourable reception in principle from Marshal Tito. The French aid plan was presented before the recent Atlantic Council session in Paris by the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Christian Pineau.

Very Favourable

He said they discussed the French plan for aid to under-developed countries. "Here and now I must say that it was very favourably received in principle," he added.

"After that, we tried to inform the President about French policy in North Africa, and particularly in Algeria," M. Mollet said.

The Premier indicated that no definite agreement had been reached on any problem whatsoever since the talks were to be continued until Friday. He also disclosed that European problems, such as the Council of Europe, which were on the agenda had not yet been discussed—France-Press.

Allies Demand Payment For Troops

Bonn, May 8.

Britain and France today repeated their demands that West Germany continue to pay support costs for Allied troops stationed in the Federal Republic, according to German sources here.

The sources said the demand was made in identical notes handed over to the West German Foreign Office. The notes were in reply to a German note last month in which it was understood, the Germans again declared their refusal to pay any cash sum.

A similar American note was expected to be handed over to the West Germans soon—Reuters.

American Not Allowed Into Algeria

Paris, May 8.

THE French Resident Minister in Algeria, M. Robert Lacoste, today vetoed a planned visit to Algeria by Mr. Irving Brown, representative of American traders' unions in Europe, and an official of the World Federation of Trades Unions.

The decision was made known in a communiqué issued from M. Lacoste's Cabinet. The communiqué explained, in

part by saying that Mr. Brown carried out "irresponsible action" in Algeria and had contacts with "persons of doubtful loyalty."

The communiqué was issued to state that a man named Gomis, President of a new chamber of commerce in Algeria, founded in 1955, was to be departing from the country, Gomis, the communiqué said, had been in touch with Irving Brown.

"This person (Gomis) the communiqué said, 'has been working to eliminate French influence in North Africa by setting up a large central North African trade union.'"

"Further," the communiqué said, "the Resident Minister has made it known to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions that he strongly opposed the coming to Algeria of Irving Brown who, on the pretext of trade union activity, is carrying out irresponsible action with persons of doubtful loyalty, compelling France's legitimate interests and her unquestioned position in North Africa."

RUSSIA NOT OUTSTRIPPING UNITED STATES AIR POWER

Washington, May 8.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. Charles E. Wilson, today categorically denied reports that Russia is "far outstripping" the United States in air power.

"This is not so," Mr. Wilson told a Senate Appropriations Sub-committee. Mr. Wilson also disclosed that:

- ★ 1. US production of B-52 intercontinental jet bombers will build up to a peak of 20 planes a month. He did not say when this peak output will be reached, but defence sources have indicated it will be early in 1958.
- ★ 2. The armed forces plan to spend \$3 billion for research, development and production of guided missiles during the fiscal year starting next July 1.

Mr. Wilson's testimony came as the Sub-committee began hearings on the Administration's \$33.9 billion military spending budget for the coming fiscal year. It was clearly intended to answer Democratic charges that the budget provides inadequate funds for power, and that the United States is lagging behind Russia in long-range bomber production and in guided missile development.

Daily Stories

Referring to "almost daily stories alleging that the USSR is far outstripping the United States in terms of air power," Mr. Wilson said flatly: "This is not so."

He then revealed the 20-month production goal for the glint B-52 jet bombers which cost \$8 million apiece.

He told the Senators not to base their estimate of US air strength on the Strategic Air Command's intercontinental bombers alone, but to consider also medium bombers, Air Force tactical planes and the "strategic capability" of planes aboard the Navy's 16 aircraft carriers.

He said the Air Force and Navy will operate 37,000 military aircraft of all types, combat and non-combat, during fiscal 1957. And, he said, the Army has in addition 4,000 tanks and helicopter types.

He said that critics who worry about Russia usually look at only one part of the defence programme.

"The simple fact is that the United States is not and should not be competing in an all-out armaments race with the USSR or any other country," Mr. Wilson said.—United Press.

Red Old Age Pension Scheme

Moscow, May 8.

Soviet old age pensioners can get up to 1,200 roubles (about £107 at the official rate) pension a month under a new decree issued today by the Russian Council of Ministers, Tass, the Soviet news agency announced.

Old age pensions will be paid to men when they are 60 and have worked for at least 25 years and to women when they are 55 and have worked for 20 years.

The decree fixes the minimum pension at 300 roubles (about £26) a month.

The pensions will be given without contributions being paid and are not taxable.

Old age pensions are calculated on the basis of previous monthly wages.

The pensions range between 100 per cent of the wage up to 350 roubles and half the monthly salary of 1,000 roubles (about £89) and more.

Pensioners continuing to work will be eligible for a monthly bonus payment of 150 roubles (about £13) if they do not earn more than 1,000 roubles a month—China Mail Special.

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Down with 'U'



NANCY SPAIN



NANCY MITFORD

WHO wants to be Upper Class, I'd like to know? Not I, for one.

Yet a little book, edited by Nancy Mitford out this week, called *NOBLESSE OBLIGE* (Harrish Hamilton, 10s. 6d.), reminds me that a very great many people would like to be thought as aristocratic as *The Other Nancy*.

Who is Miss Nancy Mitford that she can thus twitter the middle classes?

Well, she is an aristocrat to the backbone, although she may be a Socialist at heart.

She is the eldest child of Lord Redesdale, and her name, precisely is Freeman-Mitford. The family motto is "God Careth for Us." She was born in 1904.

FOR US

SHE has five sisters (one of these is Lady Mosley, another is the Duchess of Devonshire, another, christened Unity Valkyrie, was a friend of Hitler), one brother (Tim, who was killed in Norway. She married Peter Rodd, son of Lord Rennell, a former ambassador to Rome. In the war she managed a bookshop in Curzon Street, and began to write her novels, "The Pursuit of Love" (1945), "Love in a Cold Climate" (1949), "The Blessing" (1951)).

She began the Cult of Upper Class Usage back in 1945 when in "The Pursuit of Love" she had a character declare that it was Not Quite Aristocratic to use words like mirror, perfume, mantelpiece, and notepaper.

A new conversational craze percolates down from the literary heights; the craze of classifying language, habits, tastes, as "U" (upper class) or "Non U" (lower class). It began with passages like this from "The Pursuit of Love," by Nancy Mitford:

"I understand that in some quite reputable regiments it is not only permissible but obligatory to call plain clothes MUFT!!!"

... and grew into a cult—with Miss Mitford as the high priestess. Today, as Miss Mitford publishes the first book devoted to the subject, one Nancy attacks another...

by Nancy Spain

Correct were looking-glass, scent, chimney-piece, and writing paper.

Her characters, too, denied themselves sugar in their coffee, a sinister middle-class practice aristocratically condemned.

In 1954, nearly 10 years later, Professor Alan Ross, of Birmingham University, coined a phrase. He published an essay in *Time* entitled "U and Non U."

In this he learnedly observed that Upper Class (for U) speakers, said bike, pudding, vegetables, napkin, and rich; whereas Non U speakers said cycle, sweet, greens, serviette, and wealthy.

The marvellous phrase, "U and Non U," then passed into the language to title the greatest Cult since Stephen Potter's Cult of Gamesmanship.

Aristocrats, to my way of thinking, have a rotten time.

Just take a look at some more of the words they can't say:

| Non U | U |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Excuse my glove | 'Take off the glove and say nothing) |
| Home horse riding | House |
| Jack (of cards) | Knave |
| Lounge | Salon |
| Meet you | How do you do? |
| Parade | What? |
| Guest | Salt cellar, pepper but mustard but |
| Studying for an exam. | Working for an exam. |
| Preserve | Jam |

Now take a look at some of the things they can't do. In no circumstances can they put the milk in first when drinking a cup of tea. They never talk about money; they never do anything for money; ideally they never even think about money.

When they find that they haven't any money they simply pull their horns in. Well, what a shocking bore. What a terribly dreary way of living.

I'm sure that all right-thinking Non U women will agree that there is nothing half so



"I understand that in some quite reputable regiments it is not only permissible but obligatory to call plain clothes MUFT!!!"

interesting as an endless discussion about the Cost of Anything. But then Aristocratic Women have such a shocking time. They mustn't eat cheese at dinner (mannish).

Anyone can tell them by their shoes (and gloves).

Ideally they are uneducated. (Nancy Mitford admits she is uneducated.) On the whole governesses are hired for the girls and the boys go to Eton. Any sort of boarding-school for girls is unthinkable. Places like Roanoke, Cheltenham, are distinctly Non U. Most Lords detest clever women.

Well, I think that people should please themselves.

UNITE!

By all means let Nancy Mitford and other U speakers continue to live in their fascinatingly negative fashion, minding their Ps and Qs, and shuddering whenever anyone raises a class to test a friend saying "Cheers!" But what I cannot bear is the thought of all the dreadful little limitation U speakers I am now going to meet.

So Non U Speakers of the World Unite!

Let us put the milk in first and say bye-bye as we leave our friends. Let us go to mid-day dinner, use dentures, go mental, be ill, become teachers, wear corsets, take baths, for all we are worth. (Lunches, false teeth, going mad, being sick, being a school mistress/manager, wearing slacks, having baths are correct Usage.)

FIGHT!

DON'T let us be strangled by U-behaviour. Let us have a Counter Cult of Non-Usage: a gathering of the ends and bounds.

Let us fight for the right to think and speak and behave as individuals, not half-baked imitations of half-witted debs.

So anyone who wants to join this Nancy's Non U Society for the Protection of Freedom, join now. Our badge will be a clasped hand holding a tea cup with the little finger crooked well out, putting the milk in first.

Our motto? Why, "Cheers, dears," of course.

Now, to top it all, the Cambridge Union has invited me to debate this very subject, "That this House Prefers to be U." As you can imagine, I shall OPPOSE the motion!

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dear comrade mum,

JUST a few lines to let you know that I arrived safely and am having a wonderful time.

I must say that this bourgeois, Western style of living suits me down to the ground. Ever since I arrived I have been on the bottle with unlimited eggs, butter, and milk, and a special private room with bath and attendance at the London Zoo.

★ ★ ★

On Monday I was taken to Windsor Castle and everybody was very nice, especially a little Corgi named Susan who showed me how to play at biting Grenadier Guards' ankles.

It is a lovely game and easy to play because the Guardsmen are not allowed to bite you back but have to stand very still as if nothing was happening, while you are playing can you sometimes hear them say funny little words which I have not learned the meaning of yet.

Comrades Bulgaria and

Krushevy are also having a wonderful time, but they are not allowed to bite anybody's ankles although quite a lot of people over here have been taking a nip at them, especially some members called Socialists who you would think would rather play another game called Shaking Hands.

Two things I have noticed over here that are different from life at home are—first, that they treat hanging very seriously and run around all day deciding whether they are going to hang one another or not, and second, that nobody seems to work very much except policemen and zoo keepers.

★ ★ ★

But, by and large, I think I prefer their decadent way of life to yours. Mother, and I'll see if I can arrange for you, Brulvitch, Rupertvitch, and sister Olavitch to be deported from Siberia to Regent's Park.

I must close now as the head keeper has just brought my elevenness—a trough of carrots, sweet roots, and caviar.

Your loving son,

nikki.



P.S.—Mr. Eden seems a very nice comrade and hasn't taken a nip at Comrades B or K yet.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

AS the sun is shining my life partner the Plucky Little Woman suggests that we read the papers together in the garden.

I point out that a strong wind is blowing which will make reading newspapers a bit difficult, but the P.L.W. says that after a hard winter sitting upstairs behind double windows in a cloud of cigarette smoke it's time I had some fresh air.

So here we are in our deck-chairs, holding desperately on to sheets of paper blowing out like sails, trying to read about the funny Russian antics due at Portsmouth on Wednesday.

The P.L.W. is astonished that the funny antics have complained of a Government plot to prevent their having closer contact with the British people. She thinks that after hearing of Malenkov's close contacts with affectionate factory girls the antics would have shown more sense if they had asked for special protection against the affectionate British housewives who are more determined than any factory girl in their tireless quest for a free-for-all hug and cuddle, and never seem to miss a chance of kissing men in the neck.

The P.L.W. says that although the factory girls were probably showing off in front of the photographers when they embraced Malenkov, the housewives (unless prevented) will smother the funny antics with kisses, not for publicity but because they are starved of masculine kisses at home, most of them never getting much more than a rough peck on the cheek at Christmas and on their birthdays.

That's why we are always reading of them breaking police cordons to get out bewildered foreigners and embarrassed athletes and why batsmen, returning from the crease, duck their heads and run the last few yards to the pavilion.

According to the P.L.W. it is to escape the British housewives lying in wait to give them a smacker on both cheeks.

The P.L.W. can even remember unglamorous M.P.s getting the full housewives' treatment when visiting industrial areas. Before they could get out of their cars washing-machines were described, ovens flung off, and the M.P.s were half-strangled in a forest of soapy arms.

If this happens to the cuddly Russian antics the P.L.W. has little hope of improved Anglo-Russian relations.

Path to glory?

A GUST of wind blows our newspapers over the garden wall. But as we have a reserve supply I read aloud the story at a Civil Service examination in English, arithmetic, and general knowledge held for people over 40.

Out of 4,600 candidates, 2,100 failed, four of them getting no marks at all out of a possible 300.

While the P.L.W. says she is sorry for the four who don't know anything I consider them the luckiest people in the country, on the old principle that ignorance is bliss.

For instance, they probably don't know about the Budget next week and, if they are capable of reading Mr. Macmillan's speech, probably won't understand a word of it.

They may have to ask who Grace Kelly is and, if told, will

happily forget all about her the next minute.

Even the Russian antics may be a mystery to them. As for the Middle East, it is doubtful if they know where Jordan is and think the Gaza Strip (if they think of it at all) is a serialised cartoon about space men.

The P.L.W. thinks one of the four might possibly have been a middle-aged dustman who wanted to better himself. Perhaps he thought it was an examination for the Foreign Office, leading to a knighthood and Cabinet rank as Foreign Secretary.

And what would he tell his wife, already fancying herself as Lady Dust presiding at Foreign Office parties, when she asked "How did you get on, dear?"

I shut back through the wind that any middle-aged dustman who thought he would become Foreign Secretary would be too dumb to know if he had passed the examination or not. So he is just as happy as he was before he got nothing out of 300 with no marks for neatness.

Colder and colder

THE wind gets stronger, we get colder, our supply of newspapers gets smaller.

In fact, we are now reduced to one each, while Little the Devil Cat, entranced by the new game, chases the flying sheets, rolls on her back and tucks them to ribbons.

The P.L.W. is trying to read something about The Wedding and I am trying to read something about the Jordan Ambassador who is complaining of a story published concerning King Hussein's alleged friendship with somebody or other.

"He says it's not true," I shout through the wind. "What isn't true?" the P.L.W. shouts back. "About this friendship." "What is a girl friendship?" "I don't know. The paper has blown out of my hands." "That doesn't make it very interesting, does it?"

"No, but it makes it much safer if the Ambassador is annoyed. He wants to muzzle the British Press."

"Shame." "So the editor of this paper, I have lost only him a petty, pompous little tyrant."

"That's the stuff to give them." "I then remind the P.L.W. how her favourite royally Emperor Haile Selassie, the Lion of Judah, muzzled his own Press in Addis Ababa."

"What did the darling little man do?" she yells. "Day after day, year after year he wouldn't allow anything to be published but a photograph of himself in a bowler hat surrounded by well-paid advertisements." I yell back. "I can just hear the P.L.W.'s small, loyal voice say, 'The clever little sweetheart.'"

The last of our papers has now blown away, but I manage to rescue a bit from the excited Devil Cat.

It is the weather report, which says about our district: "Light E. to S.E. winds. Rather warm. Mid-day temperatures 55 to 60 degs."

"Do remind me," says the P.L.W. "to ask the weather experts to lunch next time they say it's going to be rather warm in these parts. They shall have lost cockles, lost melon, cold cuts and lots of ice-cream."

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Three-Star Girl's Secret Is—Fun

By Ralph Cooper

LONDON. A FEW years back, more than one international film-maker winced when it was suggested that she was star material.

Yet at 23 Leslie Caron is a star—not once, but twice over, with a third time coming up.

Her first stardom was in ballet—with Roland Petit. Her second stardom, in films—still dancing, but this time with Gene Kelly in "An American in Paris" since when she has established herself as a film actress.

Now she is bidding for her third golden star—as a stage actress.

UNUSUAL

To try to discover the success secret of this unusual girl I went along to London's Winter Garden Theatre to watch her rehearsing "Gigi," the play which rocketed Audrey Hepburn to overnight stardom in New York.

On the stage with Leslie was Britain's latest film and stage star, the ruggedly good-looking Tony Britton. They were having a stage "row"—and almost the first words I heard from Tony were: "You are a lanky, overgrown weed!"

Not strictly accurate, perhaps, but with her lank corn-colour hair and pale complexion, and her drab clothes, not so far from the truth in either. Tony said it again—and Leslie pounced on him rolled him in the dust and sat upon him, proclaiming at the top of her voice: "Who wants to be a lady, anyway?"

FOR FUN!

Leslie is not beautiful, not in the accepted sense, yet she has a beauty of her own which traps the eye and holds it.

To Audrey Hepburn, the part of the 10-year-old heroine of Colette's famous story brought fame, wealth and romance. Leslie has already had all three. What does she hope this part will do for her?

"Establish me as a stage actress," I suggested. Miss Caron shook her shoulder-length locks and regarded me seriously with her large blue eyes. Very beautiful eyes.

"Oh, no," she said, with a surprised little laugh. "I don't do things that way at all."

"Well, why are you doing it?" I asked. "For fun," she said, with the same cool, level gaze from her big eyes. "I only do things I like to do. I did not choose this part—it just happened. I met Donald Albery, the producer, and told him I was going to make a musical version of 'Gigi' in Hollywood. He said: 'Why don't we do it on the stage in London?' and I thought that would be fun, so here I am."

"There's a lot more in this production than in the New York one. The plot has been strengthened...there is a lot more to it now."

THE FUTURE

"The future," Miss Caron wants to get on making films. She is right, as has been reported, "fed up and unhappy about her recent pictures."

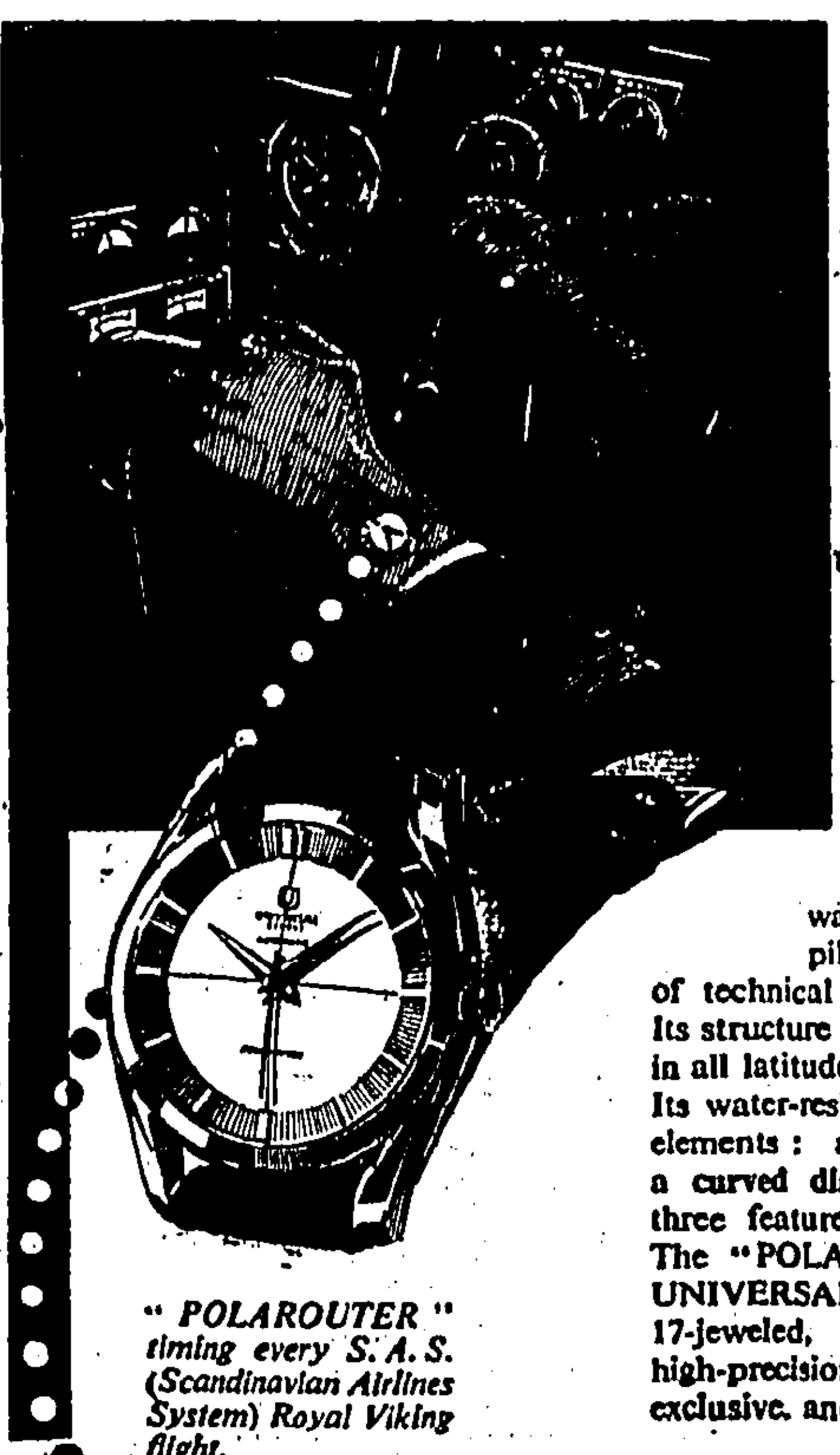
"That is true only about the first one, 'Gigi' Albery! I did not do it. I did it with the others with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. I am very happy about it."

Especially about her latest, "Gaby," in which Leslie has her most mature film part to date. "Gaby" is a re-make of the Robert Taylor-Vivien Leigh film, "Waterloo Bridge," though Miss Caron assures me it has been changed a good deal.

Behind the styness and her deceptively gentle blue eyes, there is a very determined young woman. Her success secret? Doing what she likes and finding it fun. And that's what comes across the foot-lights.

I asked Tony Britton how he found her to work with. He replied: "She is great fun, and I am amazed at her technical ability. She might have had three hard years in repertory. I guess she gets it from her ballet training. She knows what to do with a stage when she walks on to it. It is all here."

Tony himself is on the verge of a new career. He has just made his first film, "Loser Takes All," with Glynnis Johns and Romano Brandi—and from advance reports I hear he notes this holds his own with the redoubtable Mr. Bresson.



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The Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade this week is filled by a rather unusual — and I am sure as far as they themselves are concerned — unexpected group of sportsmen.

I would like to use it this week to congratulate all those thoughtful and imaginative people who arranged the spectacular and well-trimmed welcome for the footballers of 24 Field Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers, when they returned to the Colony with the Calbeck Cup in their keeping.

The players must have got a real kick out of the way they were received, and the thoughtful messages of congratulations together with the presence of so many important people was a fitting reward for a job well done.

One particularly interesting and sporting touch was the presence on the deckside of the Band of the 1st Bn North Staffordshire Regiment for it was the North Staffs who were beaten by the Sappers in the Hongkong final of the Calbeck Cup.

The whole affair was a credit to those concerned and more shows of enthusiasm of this kind would do much to bring back the "esprit de corps" which was once the hallmark of every big sporting event in the Army, but which nowadays we see all too infrequently.

POPULARITY POLL. Basketball still maintains its place in the popularity poll of Army sportsmen in the Colony and both the Major and Minor Units League competitions have been brought successfully to their final stage.

The Minor Units Final between Kowloon Signals and HKCTU will take place at the European YMCA on Friday next at 5 p.m.

The Major Units League Final between 1 Northampton and 50 Coy RASC will be played at HQ 27 Brigade in the New Territories on Wednesday, May 10, at 4 p.m.

Both games will arouse plenty of interest and if the experts are right HKCTU and 50 Coy RASC should be the new champions.

STANLEY SHIELD

The Stanley Shield Seven-a-side soccer competition has already provided the Army players with a very mixed bag of emotions.

This type of game requires fast accurate passing together with the ability to snatch half a chance and turn it to advantage. The soldiers showed on Saturday and Sunday that they were well able to adjust themselves to these requirements.

The 'A' side scored a narrow 1-0 victory over KMB 'B' and followed it up with the surprise of the tournament so far when on Sunday they eliminated the much fancied Sing Tao 'A' by 4 clear goals.

The 'B' team was drawn against Watson's, one of the minor sides in the draw, and had little difficulty in chalking up a 4-0 win.

These games produced the more pleasant emotions, but there was more than just a passing feeling of frustration and disappointment about the way the 'B' team made its exit from the competition in the first game, on the programme last night.

Drawn against the crack seven of Kitchee 'A' the soldiers played some delightful football but their spirits took a nose dive in the 4th minute when Toffrey sent a tremendous drive towards the Kitchee goal.

Cheung Koon-hing threw himself at the ball, but the power behind it pulled it out of his arms and — if reliable witnesses behind the goal are to be believed — a foot over the line before the goalkeeper scooped it out. To the astonishment of the Army players the referee, who was some distance from the goal, waved "play on."

OPPORTUNIST GOALS Before the effects of this setback had worn off Kitchee had bagged a couple of opportunist goals and turned round with a two goals lead.

A concerted movement brought the soldiers a quick first goal and the tussle became intense. A beautiful Chalmers-Hogan movement soon had Kitchee in real trouble.

In desperation Lau Yee punched the ball away as it was travelling across to Smith. This infringement occurred a foot or two outside the penalty box, but it is doubtful if Cheung Koon-hing caught more than a glimpse of Chalmers' drive as it roared into the net.

The teams were now all square with two goals and a corner apiece and the very big crowd added plenty of vocal encouragement as the men on both sides strove for the winning goal.

The Army piled on the pressure but another strange decision when only two minutes were left for play

completely changed the game. Smith dribbled round Lau Yee and as Toledo closed in he fired a hard drive at goal. The Kitchee goalkeeper was out of his goal and, in diving to clutch the ball, he carried it in his arms over the line for a corner. The linesman immediately signalled a corner but the referee awarded Kitchee a goalkick.

Stanley Shield Results

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| Kitchee 'A' | 2 | Army 'B' | 2 |
| HK Aircraft | 0 | Kitchee 'B' | 6 |
| RAF 'B' | 0 | Sing Tao | 4 |
| Eastern | 6 | CAA | 1 |
| RAF Little | 3 | Tramways | 0 |
| South China | 2 | Solicitors | 0 |
| Jardines | 0 | KMB | 4 |

In the closing seconds Robinson in going into a tackle to clear his lines sent the ball for a corner kick and this enabled the Chinese boys to pass into the next round by the narrow margin of two goals and two corners to two goals and one corner.

But after the game the soldiers could well be pardoned if they felt that it had not been a night when they had enjoyed fortune's smiles.

The Army team was Sgt Allen, Spr Robinson, Gnr Hogan, L/Cpl Toffrey, Cfn Chalmers, Spr Smith and Tpr Bowring.

SPECIAL MESSAGE

I have been asked to pass a special message to qualified athletic officials who happen to be serving in the Colony at the present time.

It is considered that there may be a number of graded officials of the Amateur Athletic Association who have not yet registered with the Army Athletic Association.

If this is so, they may like to know that they can effect this registration by forwarding their personal details direct to the Army Athletic Association, c/o ASGB, The War Office, Stanmore, Middlesex.

The summer sports season is now getting underway and already many units and formations are planning their swimming activities and making early arrangements to hold their annual gala.

One of the first notices to come to hand is from the Royal Army Medical Corps who plan to hold their gala — always a popular event — at the Victoria Swimming Pool on Wednesday June 20 at 4 p.m.

The committee has arranged a very full programme which will, of course, feature an inter-unit competition between the medical units in the Colony.

There will, however, be a special 100 Yards Free Style event open to Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force and entries for this should be forwarded to the Officer Commanding, British Military Hospital, Bowen Road.

The Army Football Referees held their annual meeting of the season when 41 members got together at the NAAFI Club last Saturday morning.

Much important business was transacted and the following officials were appointed for next season: Chairman—Major R. Webb, RAMC; Hon Secy—WO II, F. Gordon, RE; Committee Members—Lt F. Mintz, REME; Lt D. Shore, Gen List; SSM E. G. Dawson, 7 Hussars; CSM R. M. Gray, RASC; CSM I. A. Cameron, APTC; QMS R. W. Browning, RE; Sgt D. E. Simpson, 7 Hussars.

During the meeting Major A. C. A. Walker, the retiring secretary, was presented with a beautiful tankard on behalf of all members as a token of their appreciation of all his hard work in connection with the Referees Association.

COLONY FENCING And now a timely reminder that the Colony Fencing Championships will be held at the European YMCA on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of next week. The Pool will be decided on Monday, the Epee on the following evening, and the Sabre on Thursday.

It is anticipated that the Army will be well represented in all three weapons.

The injury bogey which has plagued the Army soccer team

EXPLORING THE GLOBE....

WITHOUT TICKETS A COMMON THING NOW FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE

By ASTLEY HAWKINS

Cape Town, South Africa.

Going for a world cruise in a small yacht is now open to anyone. Once considered a daring feat for eccentric adventurers, it is now commonplace for ordinary people with a little capital and time to spare and a zeal for the sea.

All round the world today, in and out of the great harbours of the continents or the small inlets and lagoons of remote places in the sun, small cruising yachts are on the move. In them are a variety of people, of different nationalities exploring the globe without tickets, looking for fun which the travel agencies cannot sell or seeking some temporary sanctuary from the jet age.

Cape Town, with its great bay spread below Table Mountain at the foot of the African continent, sees a lot of them. The British yachtsman, Eric Hiscock, called here on the last leg of his 33,000-mile three-year, round the world cruise, recently completed in his 8-ton 30-foot sloop Wanderer III. Others since then have included two Frenchmen, each sailing round the world alone.

One of the Frenchmen, Marcel Bardiaux, is still on a world trip in his 30-foot yacht, Les Quatre Vents, after leaving Le Havre in 1950 and rounding the stormy Cape Horn, South America's southernmost point. The other, Jean Gau, in another 30-foot yacht, Atom, started his cruise from New York in 1953 and spent nine months in Tahiti in the Pacific.

MARINE ARTIST

Jean Gau, a marine artist, paints on his goers, crossing the Atlantic and the world's oceans with little concern year after year. From Cape Town, his course now takes him to the South of France.

Eric Hiscock's Wanderer III finished its 33,000-mile voyage at Plymouth, Isle of Wight, without mishap after crossing the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic again, going as far south as New Zealand and Australia. Careful planning to find the best winds and weather, good equipment with proper maintenance and skilful boat handling made it all look easy.

Many similar voyages have been made since the start of the century by small boats. But although it has become almost a daily occurrence since the World War II, world cruising in small craft had some hardy pioneers nearly 100 years ago.

Some of these remarkable early adventures are recalled in "Yachting—A History" by Peter Heaton (published by B. T. Batsford Ltd, London—25/-).

this season had one last grand fling on the eve of the Stanley Shield. Out of the players originally nominated it was found that Charlesworth, Muller, Martin and Slagter were unfit. McMillan was limited to hospital on Friday while team captain and Colony star McInnes is still in hospital in Singapore.

In spite of this handicap the two teams have put up a very good show.

In his book, a valuable work of reference and thorough record of yachts and yachting from their earliest developments to today's worldwide variety of yacht classes and clubs, Mr Heaton observes that it was the last half of the 19th century which saw the start of the overseas cruise now so common. A 26-foot lifeboat Red, White and Blue crossed the Atlantic in 1866, followed the next year by a 20-foot cutter, sailed single-handed by a young fisherman, Alfred Johnson.

SAILING ENTHUSIASTS

More and more sailing enthusiasts were trying their luck sailing overseas. In 1901, Captain John Voss started a voyage round the world in his canoe Tiliwum. Altogether, Voss sailed 49,000 miles in small boats, Peter Heaton records.

Down through the years others followed the courses set by the small-boat pioneers. In between the World Wars there were many more historic voyages, including the round-the-world single-handed passage of the Frenchman, Alain Gerbault, in his boat Eclair. Another was William Albert Robinson in Svaap.

In more recent years, accounts of ocean crossing in small yachts have appeared in newspapers all over the world, outstanding among them was a voyage across the Atlantic by the British brothers, Stanley and Colin Smith, in the Nova Espero, only 20 feet long.

Edward Ailcard, another British yachtsman, completed single-handed passages across the Atlantic in both directions in his yacht Tempress. The American, Harry Hildegar, sailed round the world alone. Patrick Egan and Colin Mudie, of Britain, sailed 20,700 miles in 287 days crossing the Atlantic in Sopranino, which was less than a dinghy with a deck over it.

There have been many others. In 1952, Ann Davison of Britain became the first woman to sail the Atlantic alone in her 23-foot yacht Felicity Ann.

Each year, says Peter Heaton, now sees new cruising yachts leaving English harbours bound all over the world. "It is prob-

ably true to say that nowadays there are few harbours in the world which are not visited at some time during the summer by many cruising yachts of many nationalities."

"Yachting—a History" recalls that in one day in a recent year there were not less than 10 yachts lying together in English Harbour, Antigua, and the West Indies, bound on long cruises. Five were British, three American, one Dutch and one Swedish.

A LONG VOYAGE

Anyone now planning a long voyage in a small boat should consult the "Yachting World Annual, 1956" (published by Hiltife—30/-) for advice by Eric Hiscock himself on how to do it.

This master of small boat cruising says in one of this annual's several articles that a most surprising thing on his voyage round the world was the large number of people he met who wanted to make—or thought they would like to make—similar voyages in similar yachts.

"Reading all one can about the subject is the first, and perhaps the most important, step for only by doing so is it possible to judge the difficulties and to decide what places would be worth a visit and what are best left out."

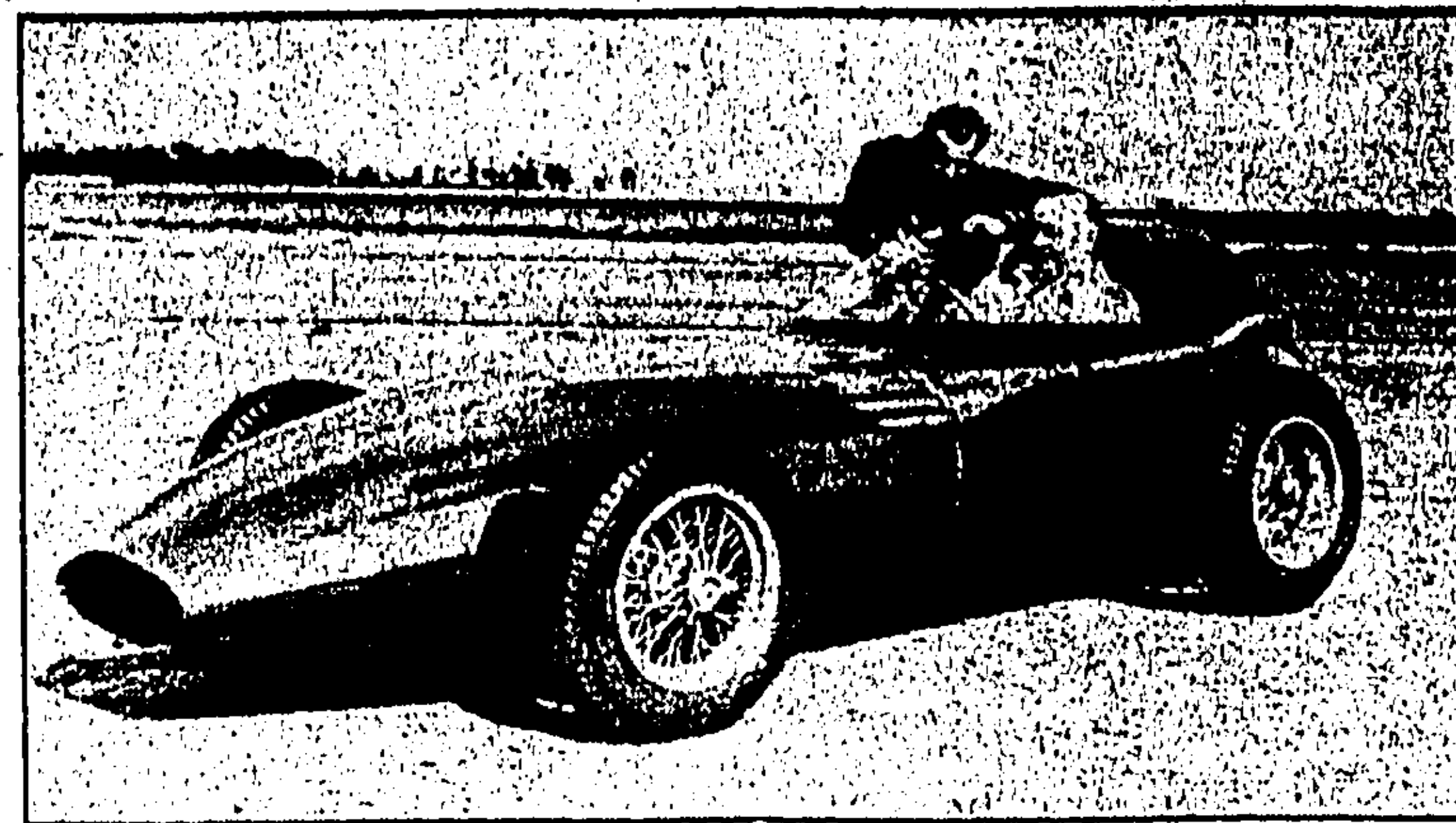
Prevailing winds and weather of the oceans to be visited must be studied so that adverse winds and currents can be avoided as far as possible. Skill in taking observations for navigation by the heavenly bodies can be gained by practice, Hiscock declares, but the navigation itself is not difficult to learn for the working of it has been so simplified that "anyone can learn to do it in a few hours."

Lots of spare gear must be taken for repairs in remote places and the bulk of the food will have to be tins if there is no refrigeration. Flour and rice are carried as reserves. Enough food and water was carried by Wanderer III to last three months if necessary.—China Mail Special.

ENGLAND LOSE

London, May 8. Poland "A" team beat England by five bouts to four in an international boxing match at Gdansk, Poland tonight, according to PAP, the Polish News Agency.—Reuter.

A WORLD BEATER?



This is Britain's new racing car, the Vanwall Special, which Stirling Moss drove at a record-breaking 100.4 m.p.h. average speed over 180 miles in the International Trial Race over the 60 laps of the Silverstone circuit last Saturday.—Express Photo.

WE CHELSEA PLAYERS ARE STUNNED...

By ROY BENTLEY

(England forward and captain of Chelsea)

I still can hardly believe it—Chelsea do not want me! It is the biggest shock of my life.

All I want from the club is a reasonable explanation for putting me on the open transfer list. It just doesn't make sense.

Four of the Championship team are on the list with me. The only one of us who is not stunned by the news is Stan Willemsse.

I know Stan has suggested a move from First Division football. He has told me: "If I can't give the club the 90 minutes' stuff Ted Drake wants maybe I had better move down a grade."

But for Eric Parsons, Bill Robertson, and Johnny McNichol to be told "You can go".... well, I just hope they know what they are doing.

I realise I have not had a good season. None of us has. It is just one of those things that happen to clubs from time to time.

But after winning the Championship for the first time in the club's history you hardly expect five of the team to get marching orders within a season.

I had hoped to finish my football days at Stamford Bridge. It would not have been so bad if they had warned me that I might have to go.

If Ted had called me into the office and said: "You have had a bad season — unless you improve next season we may have to put you on the transfer list" — I would not have been disappointed, but understanding.

There is no room for sentiment in this game. A club is a business and must be run that way. But even in the most ruthless business concern such treatment to loyal employees would be considered a little harsh.

I was at the ground when Ted called me into the office and said: "I have a very unpleasant duty to perform.... I want you to know from me what has happened before the official letter arrives. We have decided to place you on the open transfer list."

"I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH A BLOW"

I was so shaken I could hardly speak. I've never had such a blow, and it was not until I had got home that I realised that I had not even asked Ted for a reason.

My wife Vi could hardly believe it and was as surprised as I was. I phoned Ted at his home and asked "Why am I on the list?"

He did not give me a definite reason, but hinted that the team "was going backwards instead of forwards"—older players were coming into the side instead of youngsters.

I gathered he wanted to cut the age of the team. But it is still distressing when you have given the club everything you've got.

I asked Ted what my transfer fee would be. He said: "I can't tell you that."

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